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Title : Need to run more special trains to Kerala during summer vacation season in order to curb alleged malpractices in the railway ticket reservation system.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I wish to raise an important matter before this august House which is pertaining to the malpractices existing in the railway ticket reservation system.

During the vacation season, there is always shortage for long distance railway tickets each and every year. It is despite the alternative arrangements to meet the vacation over boarding. Misusing this situation, there some rackets which are working. They are focusing on the ticket reservation counters and purchase long distance tickets. Hence, they exploit the passengers.

This malpractice creates a situation that the long distance tickets, even on Tatkal Scheme are not available to the passengers at any time. So, passengers who reserve long distance tickets even before two months are getting waiting listed tickets. The passengers from distant States like Kerala suffer a lot due to this situation. These rackets charge Rs. 750 to 1000 for sleeper tickets and about Rs. 1500 for 3rd AC tickets.[MSOffice7]

Recently, some members of the racket, who are alleged to have been involved in this unfair act, were charged for it. Hence, I would request that the Government may take immediate steps to make railway ticket reservation system loophole-free and thereby put an end to the actions of the ticket rackets. It is also requested that more special trains may be charted and more coaches may be attached to cope up with the over crowding of passengers during vacation season.

MR. CHAIRMAN :

Shri Jose K. Mani is allowed to associate himself with the matter raised by Shri Dhanapalan.